HIS117- The Four Caliphs

Lesson One Handout

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Lesson One- Abu Bakr as-Siddiq (R.A.)

- Abu Bakr (R.A.) is ranked as the best person in humanity after all the prophets
- His khilafa is particularly special because he settled many concerns and issues that arose after the passing of the prophet (ﷺ) such as false prophets and individuals refusing to pay Zakat.
- His real name was Abdullah Ibn Abi Kuhafa
- He was married to a woman whose name was Ummul Bakr, hence his title Abu Bakr
- His lineage links with the prophet (ﷺ) at Murrah ibn Ka'b
- He was a leader due to his soft and compassionate nature
- He had a very close friendship with the prophet (ﷺ) from before prophethood
- He was the only one to accept Islam without any hesitation which is why he got the title of "As- Siddiq"
- He was responsible for freeing Bilal (R.A.) and many other slaves
- He had the honour of accompanying the prophet (ﷺ) on the migration to Madinah
- The Prophet (ﷺ) honoured him by marrying his daughter Aisha (R.A.)
- He joined the Prophet (ﷺ) in all battles and carried the supreme flag in Tabuk- one of the most trying expeditions
- He was always given special regard by the Prophet (ﷺ)
    - The prophet (ﷺ) had ordered all private entrances to his masjid to be shut after his passing except that of Abu Bakr (R.A.)
- The prophet (ﷺ) made him the leader of the first hajj in Islam (9^{th} Hijri)
- The Prophet (ﷺ) had insisted that Abu Bakr (R.A.) should lead the people in prayer after his passing